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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/13/07.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 7 and 17 are objected to because of the following informalities: please change "at least two" to – at least one --.
3. Claim 21 is objected to because of the following informalities: please change "an approximation of the non-channel function" to -- the approximation of the non-channel function --.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-5, 8-14, 16, 18-19, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable by Hafeez et al. (US 6,920,191).

a) Regarding to claim 1, Hafeez et al disclose a signal processing method comprising:

receiving a first wireless communication signal, the first signal including distortion produced by pulse shaping (signal $y(n)$ in Fig. 3);
obtaining an approximation of the pulse shaping distortion (112 in Fig. 3);
separating the approximation of the pulse shaping distortion from the first signal to obtain a second signal (316 in Fig. 3; Col 9, L19-25); and
processing the second signal to obtain a user signal (ân; abstract).

b) Regarding to claim 2, Hafeez et al disclose further comprising:

conducting a signal-user detection (wireless communication system; Col 1, L6-16); and

obtaining an amplitude estimate and a symbol delay for a user in a frame (113 and 314 in Fig. 3).

c) Regarding to claim 3, Hafeez et al disclose wherein the second signal has insignificant or no pulse shaping effects (pulse shaping distortion compensation; abstract; Col 8, L12-14).

d) Regarding to claim 8, Hafeez et al disclose wherein separating the approximation of the pulse shaping distortion from the first signal comprises separating an approximately known function of pulse shaping from an unknown function with a time-varying channel function (Col 6, L1-Col 7, L19).

e) Regarding to claim 9, Hafeez et al disclose a signal processing method comprising:

receiving a first wireless communication signal, the first signal including a non-channel function (signal $y(n)$ in Fig. 3);
obtaining an approximation of the non-channel function (112 in Fig. 3);
separating the approximation of the non-channel function from the first signal to obtain a second signal that includes a time-varying channel function (316 in Fig. 3; Col 9, L19-25); and
processing the second signal to obtain a user signal (ân; abstract).

f) Regarding to claim 10, Hafeez et al disclose wherein the non-channel function comprises a transformation function (106 and 108 in Fig. 3).

g) Regarding to claim 11, Hafeez et al disclose further comprising:
conducting a signal-user detection (wireless communication system; Col 1, L6-16); and

obtaining an amplitude estimate and a symbol delay for a user in a frame to obtain the approximation of the non-channel function (113 and 314 in Fig. 3).

h) Regarding to claim 12, Hafeez et al disclose wherein the second signal has insignificant or no non-channel functions (pulse shaping distortion compensation; abstract; Col 8, L12-14).

i) Regarding to claim 16, Hafeez et al disclose wherein separating the approximation of the non-channel function from the first signal comprises separating an approximately known non-channel function from an unknown function of a time-varying channel function (Col 6, L1-Col 7, L19).

j) Regarding to claim 18, Hafeez et al disclose a signal processing system, comprising:

a receiver for receiving a first signal for wireless communication (signal $y(n)$ in Fig. 3);

a tracking device for obtaining an amplitude estimate and a symbol delay for a user (113 and 314 in Fig. 3);

an approximating device, coupled to the tracking device, for providing an approximation of the non-channel function in the first signal (112 in Fig. 3); and

a signal-separating device, coupled to the approximation device, for separating the approximation of the non-channel function from the first signal to obtain a second signal that includes a time-varying channel function (316 in Fig. 3; Col 9, L19-25).

k) Regarding to claim 19, Hafeez et al disclose wherein the non-channel function comprises a transformation function (106 and 108 in Fig. 3).

l) Regarding to claim 21, Hafeez et al disclose wherein an approximation of the non-channel function comprises an approximation of the non-channel distortion (abstract and Col 8, L12-14).

m) Regarding to claims 4 and 13, Hafeez et al disclose wherein separating the approximation of the pulse shaping distortion from the first signal comprises applying an equalization (LMS Col 7, L16-20).

n) Regarding to claims 5 and 14, Hafeez et al disclose wherein separating the approximation of the pulse shaping distortion from the first signal comprises applying a decision feedback equalization (DFE use LMS algorithm; Col 7, L16-20).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 6-7, 15, 17, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hafeez et al. (US 6,920,191) in view of Shattil (Pub No.: US 2002/0034191).

Regarding to claims 6-7, 15, 17, and 20, Hafeez et al. disclose wherein separating the approximation of the pulse shaping distortion from the first signal comprises applying an equalization (LMS Col 7, L16-20), and all the subject matters above except for the specific teaching of at least one order of perturbation to adjust the approximation of the pulse shaping distortion.

However, Shattil disclose a wireless communication system comprise an approximate solution that is obtained from a first-order perturbation calculation ([0678]). Therefore, it is obvious to one of ordinary skill in art to combine the teaching of perturbation algorithm taught by Shattil in the pulse shaping distortion compensator of Hafeez et al. By doing so, provide interference improvement in a wireless communication system.

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eva Y Zheng whose telephone number is 571-272-3049. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh Fan can be reached on 571-272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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